Remarks

In addition to the references listed on the Information Disclosure Statement considered by the Examiner on 12/10/2003, please note that an additional reference (Allsup '214) has been added.

Claim 13 has been amended to delete step (e). As stated in the previous amendment. the amended claim is patentable over the art of record at least, without limitation, which does not disclose or suggest "moving the actuator...by sliding the actuator onto an engagement surface of a support element..." or "moving the support element...as the actuator slides on the engagement surface...."

Claim 31 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the relationship between the ramp movement that is independent of the actuator moving the head "beyond an outer edge of the data storage media." None of the art of record discloses or suggests this manner and method of unloading the head.

Conclusion

The Amendments contained herein are believed to be proper, do not add new matter, and do not place an undue burden or require additional searching by the Examiner. All rejections and objections are obviated such that the pending claims are in condition to pass allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's representative below for any matter that might further facilitate prosecution on the merits.

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